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NEWS RELEASE

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BROOKFIELD SCHOLARSHIP HELPS EASE FINANCIAL BURDEN FOR UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON STUDENTS

DAYTON, Ohio — The First National Bank of Brookfield has established a scholarship for college students in Brookfield and surrounding areas who attend the University of Dayton.

The first recipient is Jason Capone of Lyons Township High School in LaGrange. Jason will start his first year at UD on Aug. 26 with a \$1,000 scholarship, renewable each year during his college career.

Jason's parents were hoping he would attend a state school, but Jason fell in love with the private, Catholic university campus.

"I wrote an appeal to UD for financial aid, because I really needed financial assistance in order to attend," said the upcoming business major. "The First National Bank of Brookfield Scholarship had just been established, so I applied and got it."

"The First National Bank of Brookfield is a locally owned bank that aims to support the community in any way it can, including offering education incentives," said Jan L. Schultz, president. With his third child in college, Schultz said he knows how expensive it can be and thought establishing the scholarship was the right thing to do.

"The local community has been good to us, so I wanted to give a little something back. The University of Dayton has a great reputation. I wanted to provide encouragement for local students who want to attend UD but might not think they can afford it."

The scholarship is made possible by a \$50,000 endowment from The First National Bank of Brookfield. Scholarships will be awarded to a new student each year and students already on scholarship from the bank will be able to re-apply each year.

"UD just seemed like the right place for me," said Capone. "I'm grateful that it's now possible for me to go there."

For more information on The First National Bank of Brookfield Scholarship, contact the University of Dayton, 300 College Park, Dayton, OH 45469-1305 or toll-free (800) 427-5029.

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